

WASHINGTON -- Congressman Olver (D -1st District) announced today that he has begun lo

Olver worked with his Massachusetts colleagues to outline specific provisions in the House and

œOur nursing homes are doing their best to provide essential services to seniors. But they ha

Last Friday, the House of Representatives passed the Medicare Balanced Budget Act which w

œSeniors in the Commonwealth are being adversely impacted by decreases in Medicare paym
The delegation letter headed by Rep. Olver specifically asks the negotiators to:

Â delay the caps for two years until refinements can be made to the reimbursement system;

Â increase the high acuity and rehabilitation categories by 16% to 25%;

Â increase the federal per diem rate by the skilled nursing facilities market basket plu

Â allow providers to bill directly for services that meet special needs and conditions.

œIf these changes can be incorporated into the final version of the BBA corrections bill, access

Massachusetts has 500 nursing facilities, assisted living residents, and continuing care retirem

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